



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

November 30, 2007

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for renewal of groundwater discharge permit # NEV10018 from the following applicant:

Tonopah Public Utilities
P.O. Box 151
Tonopah, NV 89049

The applicant operates a wastewater treatment plant located at the Tonopah Airport, approximately eight miles east-southeast of Tonopah, Nye County, Nevada. The treatment facility was constructed in the early 1950's for use by the U.S. Army and was renovated in 1981. The treatment facility consists of an Imhoff tank, which provides primary treatment (settling/anaerobic digestion) of domestic (sanitary) wastewater. Treated wastewater effluent is discharged to the groundwater via percolation in rapid infiltration basins. The facility is permitted for flow of 0.095 MGD. Presently, flow into this facility is minimal (< 1,000 gallons per day). This facility also receives domestic septage from local residential/institutional septic tanks. The septage is dried in drying beds and the collected residuals are sent for disposal to the Tonopah Landfill. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) the proposed discharge permit for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on January 7, 2008, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. January 7, 2008 will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is

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warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. The public notice of such hearings will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Janine Hartley, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at jhartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.